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SUBJECT: TROPICAL PRODUCTS - MEXICO

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1976, FOLLOWING THE FLOATING OF THE PESO, THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF IMPORT AND EXPORT REGULATIONS CHANGES WHICH INCLUDED A SIZABLE NUMBER OF IMPORT TARIFF REDUCTIONS. THE SIZE OF THE IMPORT TARIFF REDUCTION RANGED FROM 9 TO 20 PERCENT.

2. THE U.S. REQUEST FOR MEXICAN CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDED SIX DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ITEMS (EIGHT-DIGIT MEXICAN BTN TARIFF CATEGORIES) WITH A VALUE OF \$2,386.3 THOUSANDS OF U.S. DOLLARS. THE U.S. REQUEST SOUGHT MEXICAN TARIFF REDUCTIONS, PRIMARILY. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE PERVASIVE MEXICAN IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM, IT WAS STIPULATED THAT ALONG WITH THE DUTY REDUCTIONS THERE SHOULD BE A CONCOMITANT REDUCTION OF IMPORT LICENSING RESTRICTIONS.

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3. THE RECENT MEXICAN IMPORT TARIFF CHANGES REDUCED THE IMPORT DUTIES ON FOUR OF THE SIX U.S. REQUESTED MEXICAN CONTRIBUTIONS AS SHOWN BELOW:

TARIFF NO. (MEX. BTN)	COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	OLD IMPORT DUTY RATE PERCENT	REQUESTED RATE PERCENT	NEW RATE PCT.
29.24.A.003	LECITHIN	25	12.5	25
73.29.A.007	TRANSMISSION ROLLER CHAINS	50	25	15
84.23.B.001	GROUND ENGAGING TOOLS	20	10	10
84.28.A.007	POULTRY FEEDERS	25	12.5	20
85.01.A.012	AC MOTORS 20 KG. TO 300 KG.	55	25	55
90.28.A.006	MULTIMETERS	15	7.5	.10

4. IN LINE WITH NEW EXCHANGE RATE POLICIES AND IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE A CONTINUED FLOW OF NECESSARY IMPORTS, THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1976, DROPPED IMPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED IMPORT CATEGORIES. HOWEVER, NONE OF THE SIX ITEMS IN COMMERCE'S TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LIST FOR MEXICAN CONTRIBUTIONS IS INCLUDED IN THE LICENSING LIBERALIZATION LIST AND THUS THEY ALL REMAIN SUBJECT TO IMPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS.

5. AGRICULTURE'S ITEMS

TARIFF NO. (MEX. BTN)	COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	OLD IMPORT DUTY RATE PERCENT	REQUESTED RATE PERCENT	NEW RATE PCT.
02.02.A.001	(EX)CHICKENS	20	10	10
04.02.A.001	EVAPORATED MILK	50	25	10
04.02.A.002	CONDENSED MILK	50	25	10
04.02.A.009	OTHER MILK	50	25	10
04.05.A.001	EGGS	50	25	10

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10.05.A.003	POPCORN	15	7.5	10
15.01.A.001	LARD	35	17.5	10
15.02.A.001	TALLOW	25	12.5	10
20.06.A.999	(EX)CANNED FRUIT	100	50	20
21.07.A.999	(EX)VEGETABLE PROTEINS	35	17.5	10

23.04.A.001 (EX)VEGETABLE

PROTEINS	10	5	0
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33.01.A.038 ESSENTIAL

LEMON OIL	75	37.5	35
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35.04.A.004 (EX)VEGETABLE

PROTEINS	35	17.5	35
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6. NONE OF THE ABOVE ITEMS WERE AFFECTED BY MEXICAN
LICENSING LIBERALIZATION MEASURES. KISSINGER

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